An analysis of articulated hatred toward Jews as a historical force. After treating precursors in the pagan world of antiquity and in classical Christian doctrine, the course will focus on the modern phenomenon crystallizing in 19th-century Europe and reaching its lethal extreme in Nazi ideology, propaganda, and policy. Expressions in the U.S. and in the Arab world, as well as Jewish reactions to antisemitism, will also be studied.

**Course Outline**

1. **Wednesday 23rd October: Antisemitism – the oldest hatred**


2. **Monday 28th October: Jews as Christ Killers – the deepest accusation**


   John Chrysostom, *Discourses Against Judaizing Christians*, Homily 1 at:


3. **Wednesday 30th October: The Crusades: The First Massacre of the Jews**

   Soloman bar Samson: The Crusaders in Mainz, May 27, 1096 at:

   [www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1096jews-mainz.html](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1096jews-mainz.html)


5. Wednesday 6th November: **Simon of Trent and Martin Luther**

A short written test on Ritual Murder (10% of final grade)

Martin Luther, selections from "On the Jews and Their Lies," at:

http://www.humanitas-international.org/showcase/chronography/documents/luther-jews.htm

Simon of Trent texts


7. Wednesday 13th November: **The Change from Anti-Judaism to Antisemitism: Our Modern World**

*The Jew in the Modern World*, Dohm 28-36, Michaelis 42-44, French National Assembly, 114-8; Berr 118-21, Napolean, 123-26, Jewish Notables, 128-33,


8. Monday 18th November: Nationalism and its Resulting Xenophobia


Jacob Katz, _From Prejudice to Destruction_. pp. 51-104, 175-220.

10. Wednesday 20th November: The Eastern Flavor: Russian and Polish Antisemitism


_Antisemitism in the Modern World_ 113-44.


11. Monday 25th November: REVISION FOR MIDTERM

12. Wednesday 27th November: MIDTERM (this exam will consist of short primary sources that you will be expected to analyze).


Levy, _Antisemitism in the Modern World: An Anthology of Texts_ pp. 104-12, 224-34

Jacob Katz, _From Prejudice to Destruction_. pp107-118, 292-300


14. Wednesday 4th December: **Hitler and Nazism**


   Levy, *Antisemitism in the Modern World: An Anthology of Texts*, pp. 97-103,

   Mein Kampf. The whole work is available to read on the internet

   [http://www.hitler.org/writings/Mein_Kampf/](http://www.hitler.org/writings/Mein_Kampf/)


   Jacob Katz, “Was the Holocaust Predictable?” *Commentary* 59 (May 1975), 41- 48

15. Monday 9th December: **Antisemitism in America**


16. Wednesday 11th December: **The Islamic Version: A History of Antisemitism in the Arab World**

   [http://www.memri.org/antisemitism.html](http://www.memri.org/antisemitism.html)

   (Read through at least two of the documents)


17. Monday 16th December: The Self-Hating Jew


18. Wednesday 18th December: Conclusions: Antisemitism Now: Same Old or Something New?


a) www.Jewwatch.com
b) Institute for Historical Review: Holocaust Denial http://www.ihr.org/index.html
c) http://en.metapedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
d) www.stormfront.org
e) Anti Defamation League fighting anti-semitism at www.adl.org

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MY COURSES

1. I expect you to attend all lectures. I do not take always take a class register but I have a good visual memory and know if you come/don’t come to class.

2. Make every effort to come on time. In fact, come early and then you’ll be sure you’re on time. It’s very distracting to have students wandering into class late.
3. I like to meet everyone in my courses. If I haven't already met you, please introduce yourself.

**Requirements for the Course:**

1. Regular Attendance and Participation in lectures (10% of final grade)
2. Short written test in session five (10% of final grade)
3. MIDTERM (30% of final grade).
4. final paper, which must be completed by all students (50% of final grade).

This final paper (10–12 pages) will analyze a primary text or an issue of dispute among historians, the topic to be chosen by the student from a list to be distributed or in consultation with the instructor.